



MINUTES

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 | 1:15 p.m. | 25 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Keith Grover, Chair
Rep. Lee B. Perry, Chair
Sen. Don L. Ipson
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher
Sen. Evan J. Vickers
Rep. Kim F. Coleman
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Kelly B. Miles
Rep. Val K. Potter
Rep. Marie H. Poulson
Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. Jeffrey D. Stenquist

Rep. Mark A. Strong

Members Absent:

Sen. Kathleen Riebe
Rep. John Knotwell
Rep. Paul Ray
Rep. Mike Schultz

Staff Present:

Mr. John Feinauer, Policy Analyst
Ms. Esther D. Chelsea-McCarty, Associate
General Counsel
Ms. Chelsea Grant, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Tracey Fredman, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Grover called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

1 . Committee Business

2 . Recruitment, Training, and Retention

[2a - Distant Site Locations 2019](#)

[2b - 2019 Fact Sheet, Utah State University Eastern Peace Officer Academy](#)

[2c - Law Enforcement Recruitment and Retention](#)

Mr. Jeff Mulitalo, Deputy Director, Department of Human Resource Management, reported on the current trends in recruitment and retention of law enforcement officers in Utah.

Chair Grover turned the gavel to Rep. Perry.

Maj. Scott Stephenson, Director, Peace Officers Standards and Training, discussed training of officers and turnover rates in all state and municipal police departments and county sheriff agencies.

MOTION: Sen. Ipson moved to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2019, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-10

Rep. S. Hollins
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. K. Miles
Rep. L. Perry
Rep. V. Potter
Rep. M. Poulson
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. J. Stenquist
Rep. M. Strong
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0Absent-7

Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. P. Ray
Sen. K. Riebe
Rep. M. Schultz
Sen. E. Vickers

Mr. Scott Henrie, Director, Utah State University Eastern Peace Officer Academy, briefed committee members regarding the history and expansion of the academy and opportunities available for cadets who complete the academy program.

Mr. Mike Johnston, Vernal City Police Department, discussed his decision and experiences of training at the Eastern Peace Officer Academy.

Mr. George Chapman, citizen, encouraged committee members to consider a review of issues related to the retirement of police officers.

3 . Domestic Violence

[3a - Utah Lethality Assessment Program Update 2019](#)

[3b - Domestic Violence, Office on Domestic and Sexual Violence](#)

[3c - Overview of Domestic Violence Services and Lethality Assessment Protocol Efforts in Utah](#)

Rep. Cheryl Acton discussed issues regarding the prevention and effective responses to domestic violence in Utah.

Mr. Ned Searle, Director, Office on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, reported some statistics associated with the reporting of crimes by victims of domestic violence.

Ms. Teresa Brechlin, Policy and Program Manager, Violence and Injury Prevention Program, Department of Health, discussed the magnitude of domestic violence incidents in the state.

Ms. Jenn Oxborrow, Executive Director, Utah Domestic Violence Coalition, commented on the services provided through the coalition, including shelters, the attainment of protective orders, advocacy services for children, and counseling.

Sgt. J.C. Holt, West Jordan Police Department, discussed the data collected through the Lethality Assessment Program.

4 . Public Safety Communications

[4 - Presentation, Utah Communications Authority](#)

Mr. Dave Edmunds, Director, Utah Communications Authority, provided an update on the strategic plan of the Utah Communications Authority and discussed the nature of the statewide public communication safety system.

Mr. Travis Sylvester, Director, Radio Division, Utah Communications Authority, reported on current and future projections of radio coverage throughout the state.



Mr. Harold Clements, Radio Division, Utah Communications Authority, discussed the current P25 radio system.

5 . Crime Data Reporting

[5a - Presentation, Criminal Justice Data Sharing in Utah](#)

Ms. Sofia Nystrom, Researcher, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, discussed the current state of statewide jail data accessibility.

Mr. Dave Walsh, Deputy Director, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, discussed the importance of statewide jail data accessibility.

Sen. Grover resumed the chair.

6 . Master Offense List

[6 - 2019 Master Offense List, Utah Sentencing Commission](#)

Mr. Marshall Thompson, Director, Utah Sentencing Commission, reported on changes to the Master Offense List.

7 . Other Items/Adjourn

In the absence of a quorum, Chair Grover adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p..m.